

Amendment and Response

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For: BIFIDOBACTERIA AND SIDEROPHORES PRODUCED THEREBY AND METHODS OF USE**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following amended paragraph.

This is a [[division]] continuation of application Serial No. 09/884,894, filed June 19, 2001 ([[pending]]now U.S. Patent No. 6,746,672), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/212,273, filed June 19, 2000, which are all incorporated by reference herein.